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The Honorable Cheri Bustos
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Representative Bustos:

Thank you for your August 11, 2020, letter to the President, requesting that he extend the authorization of 100-percent Federal cost share for National Guard personnel responding to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic in a duty status pursuant to Section 502(f) of Title 32, U.S. Code. I am responding on behalf of the President.

The President's August 3, 2020, memorandums extended the authorization of a 100-percent Federal cost share for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) COVID-19 mission assignments in support of Florida and Texas through December 31, 2020 – and prescribed that the standard 75-percent Federal cost share be applied to all other States and territories.

After discussions with the Governors of Arizona, California, and Connecticut, the President issued August 7, 2020, memorandums extending the authorization of a 100-percent Federal cost share for FEMA COVID-19 mission assignments in support of these States through September 30, 2020.

The Administration has welcomed the opportunity to hear from governors on why their State or territory should also receive an extension of 100-percent Federal cost share.

Thank you for your support of the Department of Defense and the U.S. Armed Forces. I am sending similar letters to the other signatories of your letter.

Sincerely,

Kenneth P. Rapuano

